BOMB EXPLODED IN BASEMENT OF BANK

Eight Persons Were Injured and Building Damaged.

NO FRAGMENT OF BOMB IS FOUND

Building Shaken as if by Earth quake, and Employes Hurled Against Wall-Mining Engineer Attributes Explosion to Sewer or Natural Gas.

bottom found Ward, the negro porter, I carried him upstairs, where others took care of him, and returned to the basement, where I was soon able to make an investigation. The smell of powder and the hole in the basement made by the explosion, made it certain that the explosion had resulted from a bomb being set off.

"There was no trace of the bomb-thrower and as yet I have not been the to find any tangible manner in which the missile was placed."

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Logan Wilson, another of the injured, was in the basement at the time. He was blown clear across the basement and partly through the partition, a distance of twenty feet. When picked up he was unconscious. He was removed to the emergency low-pital, and so far has been unable to give any account of what happened.

J. Donaldson was working in his cage in the banking room. He was cut by glass that fell from a chandeller. Every one concerned is at a loss to find a motive for the explosion. Blown Twenty Feet.

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Vice-President Abernathy, of the bank, suggested that the bomb might have been placed by a disgruntled depositor unable to draw funds during the recent financial flury.

John Hayes, former chief of police, who visited the scene, said the explosion was undoubtedly caused by dynamite. This theory was supported by Alexander Henderson, assistant chief of the Fire Department. No fragment of the supposed bomb has been found, but all agree that the explosion was not caused by gas.

J. Myers, a mining engineer, who made an examination of the basement late this afternoon, expressed the opinion that the explosion might have been caused by sewer gas or natural gas, that had accumulated in the sewer.

Probably Work of a Crank.

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VIRGINIA BANK TO REOPEN

iew Capital In Big Sione Gap Institu-

The Interstate Finance and Trust Company, which on December 12th went into voluntary liquidation, will resume business before February 1st. This comes as a result of the negotiations of General R. A. Ayers, its president, who has succeeded in enlisting \$50,000 of new money, which will be paid into the company's treasury as soon as a transfer of the bank's assets can be made by A. L. Witt, trustee, to those composing the new organization, which will be done, it is understood, at the direction of Wise county Circuit Court before January 15th.

It is stated that General Ayers has personally made a great sacrifice that his bank might resume business. He voluntarily agreed to pay all attorney's fees in connection with its liquidation, stating that none of its depositors should be at one cent's cost in obtaining his funds. The bank is capitalized at \$50,000, and has some \$10,000 in surplus and undivided profits. With the \$50,000 paid in by the new organization, the bank will have \$110,000 with which to conduct its business, making it the strongest bank between Bristol and Bluefield. Hon. R. T. Irvine, of this place, and Morrison Brothers.

THE SZECHENYI WEDDING

NO PEACE IN TOBACCO WAR

promise. He admitted that his con pany had closed fourteen of its war houses in Kentucky.

PEPPER MAY KILL HIM

was carried home and a doctor called

SPECIAL OFFICER GONE

Not Found to Answer Charge of Clubbing Man He Arrested.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
DANVILLE, VA., January 4.—G. B. Anderson, a special policeman employed during the Christmas holidays, against whom a warrant was issued several days ago for assaulting a prisoner, has left the city and cannot be located.

While effecting the arrest of William Hall, a young white man, for being drunk, Anderson clubbed him. Hall and his friends claim that the clubbing was unproveded.

WORLD'S TOBACCO RECORD

Nearly 2,000,000 Pounds Sold at Average of \$10.30 Per 100 Pounds. of \$10.30 Per 100 Pounds.
LEXINGTON, KY., January 4.—The
White Burley tobacco sold here this
week broke the world's price record
for quantity and average price on
loose leaf stuff. 1.800,000 pounds selling for an average of \$10.30 per hun-

dred pounds.
The best previous record was made here the week before Christmas, when 1,460,509 pounds sold at an average of \$10.10.

LARGE GIFTS TO CHARITY

Over \$1,500,000 Bequenthed Under Wil

FAVOR STATE AID FOR HIGHWAYS

State T. P. A. Will Urge a Bill Before the Legislature.

SIX HUNDRED ROGUES IDLE

The State Pays for Food and Clothes of the Criminals, Who Live in Jails in Idleness-Sheriffs Will Lobby Against

Six hundred ablebodied men loafing

A letter was read from Governor C. A. Swanson, regretting his inability to be present, stating that his message to the Legislature would contain recommendations for large extension of State road improvement.

Hon. Robert W. Withsers sent copies of two proposed bills, which he will introduce in the Legislature shorily, the first appropriating \$50,000, with which the State is to buy steam rollers and sprinklers, to be used by the convict road force, and the other appropriating \$100,000, with which to acquire quarries, in which convicts are to work and make road material to be furnished to the countles free.

The general appropriation bill, said Mr. Withers, is also to contain items

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BANKING LAWS VIOLATED

Semantional Testimony as to Preva lence of Memoriadum Louis.
CHICAGO, ILL., January 4.—That gertain sections of the national banking laws are dead letters, so far as banking practice is concerned, and that these violations meet with only formal criticism from the Comproler of the Currency, was the testimonly to-day of George M. Coffin, of New York, former Deputy Comprider of the Currency, in the trial of John R. Walsh, on charges of misapplying the funds of the defunct Chicago National Bank. Coffin still holds a commission as bank examiner.

MUNCIE UNDER MARTIAL LAW
Strong Military Guard on Duty, and
Order is Restored.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., January 4.—
Governor Hanley to-day Issued a proclamation declaring martial law at Muncle, and placing Brigadier-General McKee in command of the State troops assembled there, hamely twelve companies of infantry and one battery.

The martial law order covers a radius of four miles from the Delaware County Courthouse, and takes in the factory districts of Muncle, Assistant Attorney-General Dowling was sent to Muncle by the Governor to act as legal adviser for Brigadier McKee.

Governor Hanley's action in sending troops, supplemented by the energy displayed to-day by the authorities and citizens of Muncle, resulted in checking the mob spirit, There were no outbreaks to-day, Five hundred citizens, including some numbers of the Commercial Club of Muncle, have been sworn in as special officers to preserve the peace. The men will endeavor to control the situation, but will be backed by the military.

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ed by the military.
Mayor Guthrie has closed all saloons and ordered all women and children to keep off the streets except on errands of necessity.

FIRE IN PETERSBURG

LEGISLATURE TO DECIDE

Indorsed.

The committee will report back to the organizations on Monday.

FOR SELLING ON SUNDAY

Three Men Convicted in Norfolk and

FRENCH CABINET CHANGES

Minister Briand Will Assume Port-folio of Justice Therein.

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PARIS, January 4.—It is officially announced to-day that M. Briand, minister of public instruction and worship, will assume the portfolio of minister of justice, made vacant by the death December 31st of M. Duyot-Dessalgne. He will relinquish the duties of minister of public instruction, but retain those of minister of worship, has been transferred to the ministry of public instruction, and Maitro Cruppi, who pleaded the case of the Countess de Castellane in her divorce suit, becomes minister of commerce,

POWERS IS HELD

Ten of Twelve Jurors in Famous Murder Case Favor Acquittal.

ONLY ONE HELD OUT FOR GUILT

At Close of Fourth Trial of the Young Kentuckian for Murder of William Goebel, Application for Bail Is Refused by Court.

GEORGETOWN, KY., January 4

FOUR HUNDRED MAY BE LOST

Adout, Royal, sailed from Antwerp to discontent the property of the content to the content of th

FIND DEAD WOMAN'S GEMS

Whitmore, the Husband, Had Placed Them in a Saloon. NEWARK, N. J., January 4.—An im-

NEWARK, N. J., January 4.—An important discovery, which the police state will enable them to name the slayer of Mrs. Lena Whitmore, the victim of the Lampblack Swamp, near Harrison, N. J., whose husband. Theodore Whitmore, is now held pending a further investigation, was made today, when all the jeweiry of the dead woman was found in the safe of Harry E. Radin, a salconkeeper of Brooklyp. After an examination by detectives, Radin stated that Whitmore had given him the box containing the jeweiry on eltier December 30th or 31st, several days after the body was found. Whitmore had previously told the police that his wife had worn all her jeweiry when she left home on Christmas afternoon.

MAY GET GOULD SUPPORT

THE TOWN OF POTOMAC

elected every two years.

NOT FOR DIVORCE, BUT AN ANNULMENT

Countess of Yarmouth Will Contend Marriage Not Consummated.

EARL WILL LOSE HIS ALLOWANCE

Story of Large Marriage Settlement Required by Earl Is Fully Exploded - Mrs. William Thaw's Illness Not Due

to Her Daughter's Troubles.

THAW TRIAL ON TO-MORROW